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Applicant(s) Vivienne Frances COX *et al.*

Appl. No.: 09/582,761

Examiner: D. Nguyen

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Art Unit: 1632

Title: NON-IDENTICAL GENES AND THEIR APPLICATION IN
IMPROVED MOLECULAR ADJUVANTS

Amendment and Request for Reconsideration under 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicants herein respond to the Final Office Action mailed December 2, 2002 (Paper No. 17). As this Amendment is being filed within two months of the mailing date of the Final Office Action, Applicants believe that no fee is due. Please debit any underpayments, or credit any overpayments, to firm deposit account no. 08-1641. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

34. (Amended) A method of making a concatamerised polypeptide, the method comprising expressing the nucleic acid sequence of claim 24; isolating an expressed polypeptide having a unique unpaired cysteine and at least one antigen; conjugating the unique cysteine residue in the isolated polypeptide to a chemical linker group comprising at least two thiol-reactive functions, and isolating the conjugated polypeptide.